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**Social Studies Grade 6**

**The Eastern Hemisphere**

**Scope and Sequence**

**November – December**

***Essential Question:*** How do geography, economics, people and key events connect to shape a continent?

Geography of the Middle East: Deserts, regions, rivers, mountains (3.1c, 3.1d)

***Focus:*** Case Study of an early people of the Middle East (Sumer, Mesopotamia)

* Key geographic features (3.1a, 3.1c, 3.1d)
* Daily Life (2.1a)
* Social and political organization (2.1a, 5.1a)
* Culture – art, music, literature, architecture, language, etc. (2.1a)
* Religious beliefs - Islam, Judaism, Christianity (2.1a)
* Economic Systems (4.1a,4.1e)
* Use of land and resources (4.1a, 4.1e)
* Development of science and technology (2.3c)
* Contributions and achievements (2.3)
* People and events in history (2.2a)

***Growth and Development:***

* Expansion of Ottoman Empire (2.1b, 2.2c)
* European Crusades and religion in the Ottoman Empire (2.1b,2.2c)
* Resistance to European influences (2.1b, 2.2c)
* Effect of alliance with Germany and Austria-Hungary during World War I (2.1b,2.2c)
* The rise of modern Middle Eastern nations - Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait (2.1b, 2.2c)
* Palestine and the creation of Israel (2.1b,2.2c)
* Economics and oil in the Persian Gulf (2.3c, 4.1b)

***Focus:*** Case Study of a contemporary Middle Eastern nation – Israel, Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, etc.

* Geographic and political boundaries of modern Middle East 3.1c, 3.2d
* The formation of the modern Middle East (3.1c, 3.2d)
* Key events and people (2.2c, 2.3a)
* Daily life (2.1a)
* Cultural legacies (2.1a)
* Forms of government (5.1a)
* Middle Eastern economy today (4.1a, 4.1c, 4.1e, 4.1f)
* Issues of diversity and interdependence (2.1a, 3.1d, 4.1a, 4.1c)
* Religion (2.1a)
* Development of urban centers (3.1c)
* Impact of technology (2.3c)
* Current issues (2.2a, 2.4d)